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Hopkinton Aug 9th 1830—

Brth Wolcott

I have only time to say to you that my ordination will not be on the 18th— When it will be I cannot now tell. A parish meeting will be held a week from to day to fix upon a day & to make the necessary arrangements— I do not anticipate any serious opposition. I am inclined to think it will be weaker even than when they voted me a call. I cannot learn tht they have made efforts towards marshalling their forces— If they have it has been done so still tht nothing has been heard about it. I rather think they coming back has ~~cut~~ shut them up— ~~It is~~ They have always hitherto made opposition on the ground tht they had not heard me long enough— And it is now too late for them to come into the open field & state their real objections— to wit tht I am a Methodist. You will probably see a notice of the time of ordination in the Recorder as I shall have time & have anything else to tell you I will write— Revival goes on in Framingham & Shutesbury Cheering prospects of one in Holliston— There have been three conversions here during my absence— There are several thoughtful.

II Cor 5:20. Now Not Lumbia Short 1881

Now then we are ambass for C; as tho G did beseech you by us, we pray you in C.s stead, be ye reconciled to God.

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~~III.~~ There is a controversy between G & men.

I Explain what this consists—

(1) diff of views

(2) of feelings or purposes

(3) conduct

Illustrate by the case of a father & son — a king & subj.

Now I need not stop to prove that such a diff. does exist between child of men & G. For look at the diff classes & see if the views & feelings & cond is not in oppos. to G. — The intemp — the vicious — the gay — the worldling &c

Now it is the reconciliation may take place — & this diff may be done away & I come to address you this evening

And ye first motive by wh I would urge to be reconciled is the you can be

I Reconciliation is possible – no obstacle in ye way –

(1) none on ye part of God

God, Father, Law – God is willing – he puts up no bolts or bars –

(2) ye powers of agency complete.

II For ye highest interests to be secured

(1) In this world – for many sorrows are to ye wicked here

(2) in ye world to come –

In short all ye is valuable to soul demands – & thus secure all ye is good on ye one hand & avoid all ye is dead & rotten.

III If not made soon it will be too late – this only land of mercy &c

IV God is waiting & urging ye return.

V. All ye redeemed in heav & earth are waiting (1) in heav'n joy time – (2) on earth – yes we'll take you by ye hand & say come with us – Nay we will pray for you &c

Indulge not then unfounded objects but agitate ye question whether a friend or not think not the all will be well – &c

The cold will end at last fatally